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Dear Joan,

Here is a first draft of my paper. The final draft is almost complete and has gone to the typist. Here are the main changes between the first and second versions.

a) The introduction has been pared down considerably (it began as notes for a lecture I never gave), and a brief section gives the Burau representation explicitly

b) I have added the formula for $\sqrt{n}$ 3-bridge links coming from the $n^{5 \times 5}$ rep. of the mapping class group.

c) The comments on the tildes have been expanded

d) A small error in 6.13 has been corrected.

e) ~~A reference to Lou's states model is added~~

I hope it doesn't clash too much with your lecture notes. After some thought I've decided I should send it to the Annals - it seems important that some paper on this stuff should appear there. But if they start making me rethink it I'll withdraw it.

Best wishes,

Vaughan

PS. I got the poster - it's great